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SUBJ: KUWAIT/IRAQI RELATIONS: SADDAM HUSAYN TO VISIT KUWAIT?

1. IRAQI FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDERSECRETARY ABD-AL HUSAYN AL-JAMALI WAS IN KUWAIT 7-8 APRIL FOR TALKS WHICH MOST HERE PRESUME WERE IN CONNECTION WITH POSSIBLE VISIT TO KUWAIT OF SADDAM HUSAYN AL-TIKRITI. TIKRITI'S TRIP SUPPOSEDLY WOULD FOLLOW HIS PLANNED VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA, AND WOULD BE PART OF A SWIRL OF OFFICIAL VISITS BY SAUDI, IRANIAN AND IRAQI LEADERS TO EACH OTHER'S CAPITOLS. SPECULATION IS ENDLESS OVER THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ALL THIS ACTIVITY. KUWAITIS ARE, OF COURSE, HOPEFUL THAT IN THE COURSE OF APPARENT INTER-ARAB AND ARAB-IRANIAN EFFORTS TO REDUCE TENSIONS

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IN THE AREA, THEIR SPECIAL PROBLEM WITH IRAQ WILL COME IN FOR

RENEWED ATTENTION.

2. EMBASSY REMAINS SKEPTICAL THAT SADDAM HUSAYN IS INTERESTED IN IMPROVEMENT OF BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH KUWAIT. WE WILL WATCH FOR EVIDENCE THAT SOMETHING IS BEING COOKED UP ON A BROADER PAN-ARAB OR ALL-GULF SCALE WHICH MIGHT BRING ABOUT LONG AWAITED KUWAIT-IRAQI RAPPROCHEMENT.

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